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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI.

A French syndicate, with a capital of 12,000,000 roubles, will supply the capital for a Russian railway from Avichala to Sakabo, in the Caucasus.

Railroad tickets sold this year on account of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays will have longer limits than have heretofore been allowed on this class of transportation.

Martin L. Irons, once leader of union labor organizations, and who directed the great Missouri Pacific strike in the eighties, died, on the 18th, at Bruceville, 20 miles south of Waco, Tex.

Charles A. Tyler, of New York city, the oldest letter carrier in the world, died on the 16th. He was about eighty years old, and had been in the employ of the post office department about fifty years.

The tests of the new 12-inch naval gun just made have resulted in some remarkable performances, entitling the gun to rank ahead of any of the 12-inch guns thus far made in this country or abroad.

The United States cableship Burnside, carrying the full equipment of apparatus designed to establish telegraphic communication between Manila and all the Philippine archipelago, arrived, on the 19th, en route, at Colombo, Ceylon.

The population of the state of Pennsylvania, as officially announced by the census bureau, is 6,302,115, against 5,256,014 in 1890. This is an increase of 1,046,101, or 19.8 per cent. The population in 1880 was 4,282,891, an increase of 975,123, or 22.7 per cent. from 1880 to 1890.

Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador to England, on the 15th, distributed prizes to students of the Mechanics' institute at Burnley. Replying to an address from the mayor and corporation of Burnley, he reciprocated the wish that Anglo-American friendship might never be disturbed.

Contracts for over two hundred thousand tons of steel and iron were taken during the week ended on the 17th, by Pittsburgh (Pa.) manufacturing concerns. They are for every kind of finished material, and make the best week's business that the iron and steel firms have done since early in the year.

The population of the state of Ohio, as officially announced by the census bureau, on the 14th, is 4,157,545, against 3,672,316 in 1890. These figures show an increase since 1890 of 485,229, or 13.2 per cent. The population in 1880 was 3,198,062, showing an increase of 474,254, or 14.8 per cent. from 1880 to 1890.

Memorial services for Marcus Daly, whose funeral took place in New York, on the 15th, were held in nearly all the churches throughout the state of Montana, on that day, and business of all descriptions was suspended, including the operations of all the mines, smelters and mills of the Amalgamated Copper Co.

The Central Passenger association, on the 15th, announced a round-trip of one fare plus two dollars from points all over its territory to Chicago, for the international live stock exhibition, which begins in that city December. The tickets will be on sale for three days, and be good, returning, till December 10.

Among the callers on the president, on the 19th, was Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, head of the division of history and political science at Harvard university. He was introduced by Secretary Long, and his purpose was to present plans of a committee which had been organized to obtain and publish facts relative to the Philippines problem.

Chicago is to have a subway on every other street in the business center. The men interested in the project have \$50,000,000 of capital guaranteed, and declare that they can raise more money if it is needed to carry out the plans. Engineers are at work now on the plans, and as soon as they are completed the city council will be asked for a 50-year grant.

President McKinley, on the 15th, reviewed the annual parade of the police and fire departments of the District of Columbia. About eight hundred men in all were in line. The parade included 15 fire companies and five trucks and fuel and police patrol wagons. Several fire companies gave a speed exhibition as they passed the White House reviewing stand.

Sanitary conditions in Pekin are said to be becoming serious. Since the foreign occupation many Chinese have died of smallpox and other infectious diseases. Fearing that their funerals would be interfered with, they have kept most of the coffins containing their dead in the houses and courtyards. These, together with an accumulation of garbage constitute an imminent menace to the city's health.

In reply to a letter from Bishop Henry C. Potter, to Mayor Van Wyck of New York, on the 16th, calling attention to the appalling vice of the city, and especially of the East Side, and denouncing the police for abetting crime and defending criminals, in opposition to their sworn duty, the mayor pledged his best efforts to correct the wrongs pointed out, and immediately issued orders to the district attorney enjoining strict compliance with this resolve.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Saengerfest building, adjoining the Zoological gardens in Cincinnati, erected at a cost of \$100,000 for the International saengerfest, last year, was sold to a wrecking company, on the 15th, at public auction, for \$5,200.

The international committee of the Y. M. C. A. sat down to its annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy, New York city, on the 16th. Some two hundred representative men from various walks of life were there to hear addresses and reports upon the worldwide interests of the organization.

A severe earthquake shock was felt, on the 16th, in the Island of Curacao. Only slight damage, however, was done.

An anarchist named Bagards, from New York, has been arrested in Stockholm, Sweden.

A passenger train on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad ran into an open switch at Zanesville, O., on the 18th, badly wrecking the engine. The engineer, John Somers, of Zanesville, jumped, but fell under the wheels and was killed. Four trainmen were hurt by jumping.

Fire broke out in the Valley hotel at Philippi, W. Va., on the 17th, and destroyed a large proportion of the business area of the city. The loss approximates \$100,000.

Dr. Leyds and Boer Delegates Wolmarans, Fischer and Wessels, reached Paris on the 18th.

The McGonigal house, at Oswayo, Pa., was destroyed by fire, on the morning of the 18th, caused by an explosion of gas, and seven lives were lost.

Postmaster-General Smith has concluded a parcels post convention with Venezuela.

United States Bank Examiner Tucker has taken possession of the German national bank at Newport, Ky., and posted a notice that the bank would remain closed pending an examination. Frank A. Brown, the assistant cashier, is said to be short \$201,000.

A London dispatch of the 18th says that Miss Helena Zimmerman, only child of the multimillionaire Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, and the duke of Manchester were quietly married in London, on the 14th.

Last week witnessed a very considerable increase in Filipino and American activity in the field. Many skirmishes occurred and several small engagements in northern and southern Luzon. The termination of the rains permits a resumption of operations on both sides.

Francis D. Carley, who has been a conspicuous figure in Wall street, New York, for several years as a stock operator, has assigned with liabilities estimated at \$1,000,000, or more, with no assets.

Fire, on the 18th, destroyed the Renwick block, at Davenport, Ia., occupied by the Davenport Furniture and Carpet Co., and the adjoining stores of the Herald Petersen Wall Paper Co. and the Jarvis-White Art Co. The loss will exceed \$100,000; insurance, \$80,000.

An organization of the members of the Sons of the Revolution has been perfected at Savannah, Ga., to erect a monument to Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe, the founder of the colony of Georgia. Funds amounting to several thousand dollars are now available for the purpose.

With a crash that resounded through the length and breadth of the White House, at Washington, on the 18th, the heavily framed life-size painting of Abraham Lincoln fell from its place on the wall of the famous East room. The frame was broken to pieces, but the painting, fortunately, suffered only a few scratches.

Peter O. Johnson, of Chicago, from whom his wife had secured a divorce, with the custody of their five-year-old boy, rather than surrender his son to the mother, gave the child poison and took a dose himself. They were found dead, clasped in each other's arms.

Plans are said to be under way by the administration to press with vigor for the ratification by the senate of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in its original form, as the first step toward the construction of the Nicaraguan canal.

Capt. Bowman H. McCalla, commander of the United States cruiser Newark, at Manila, is undergoing trial by court-martial, convened by Admiral Remy. He is charged with "irrational and bad management and lack of discipline" on board the cruiser.

A party of 35 Turks, wishing to leave Russia secretly, sailed at dead of night from Tschuruksu to cross the Black sea. A storm arose and the boat filled. First baggage was thrown overboard. Then the children and finally the women were committed to the sea; but this did not prevent the vessel from foundering, and all perished, save one lad, who clung to the mast and was washed ashore.

Capt. Peter Everett, who served as captain under Gen. John Morgan in the civil war, and rivalled that confederate in deeds of daring and bravery, is dying of erysipelas in the insane asylum at Lexington, Ky. He has been in the asylum since 1874. He is a relative of Senator-elect Blackburn.

In response to Bishop Potter's communication to Mayor Van Wyck, and the latter's instructions to the district attorney, the New York police board, on the 19th, notified the bishop of its intention to prosecute police officers charged with neglect of duty and other offenses and asked the bishop to be represented by counsel, which, in itself, will guarantee the genuineness of the prosecution.

Prof. M. A. Aldrich, an assistant in the department of economics of Stanford university, tendered his resignation to President Jordan, on the 19th, as the result of the controversy over the dismissal of Prof. Ross, head of the economics department.

The United States supreme court took a recess, on the 19th, for two weeks.

The republican members of the house ways and means committee met in Washington, on the 20th, to consider a bill modifying the war revenue act passed in 1898. Several plans have been outlined for the proposed reduction in taxation.

Gen. Veyron, commander of the French troops in China, on the 19th, reported a small engagement with the Boxers, in which they lost 300 killed, the French troops sustaining no casualties.

The highest religious authority in Russia sent a telegraphic command, on the 19th, to all churches to hold special prayers for the recovery of the emperor.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A dozen professional bank robbers failed to secure the contents of the money vault of Sperry & Warnstaff's Deposit bank, at Ashley, O., on the 20th, before daylight. While nine stood on guard, holding the citizens at bay with their guns, others operated dynamite under the deposit vault of the brick building, which refused to yield, and the robbers finally took to flight.

The official returns from Kansas by counties, made public on the 20th, show that the total vote of the state was 349,917. For president, McKinley received 187,881, and Bryan 162,077. For governor, Stanley (rep.) 179,407, Breidenthal (fusion) 168,830. The republicans will have a majority of 71 on joint ballot in the next legislature.

Commander Lucien Young, captain of the port of Havana, on the 20th, called for proposals for removing the wreck of the Maine from the bottom of Havana harbor. The bids will be opened December 15 next. The contractor will be allowed until April 1 to remove the material, and must engage to use no explosives.

A counterfeiters' den was discovered by Detectives McDonald and Caffery, on the night of the 20th, in an old building on Front avenue, in Spokane, Wash. Part of the outfit was captured. M. J. Williams and Joe Harrison were arrested and charged with passing counterfeit silver dollars.

Four hundred members and guests of the New York chamber of commerce sat down at the one hundred and thirty-second annual banquet of the chamber at Delmonico's on the night of the 20th. Morris K. Jessup, president of the chamber, presided.

Commencing July 1 next, it is proposed to include the cost of the postal service of Porto Rico and Hawaii in the regular post office appropriations, instead of paying the same out of the military appropriation, as at present.

Russin is retrenching on account of the Chinese troubles, the official Journal of Commerce announces. The proposed increase of 3,500,000 roubles in the appropriation for popular schools in 1901 will not be made.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee arrived at New York, on the 20th, from Cuba. After reporting at Washington, he will go to Omaha and take command of the department of the Missouri, to which he has been assigned.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Joseph P. Licklider and Robert Ross were held up by two highwaymen at St. Louis.

Queen Julia, ruler of the gypsies of the west, is at St. Louis en route westward.

An epidemic of malignant diphtheria at Grafton, Ill., is said to have been caused by infected rabbits.

There are upwards of 3,000 applicants for less than 50 appointments under the newly-elected democratic officials at St. Louis.

A vigorous effort is being made to find Sheriff Frost of Chambers county, Tex., who is mysteriously missing. The state department has instructed Minister Conger to insist upon more than degradation of the Boxer leaders.

Three convicts outwitted the guards at the Leavenworth (Kas.) penitentiary and got out after a fierce battle, in which one of their number was killed.

Dispatches from South Africa say that Boer commandoes are continually interrupting Lord Roberts' railway communication with Pretoria.

Officer McGlasson of Metropolis, Ill., captured Charlie Morrill north of Golconda. Morrill had a phaeton in his possession, stolen at Paducah, Ky.

Robert Thornberry, fish warden, visited Massac county, Ill., and arrested eight persons for violating the Illinois fish laws. The complaints are for fishing with nets in Long lake.

Generals Shafter and Breckinridge have replied to the boast made by Gen. Weyler, that he would have driven Shafter into the sea had he remained in Cuba.

Rev. Peter Slagel, pastor of the Methodist church at West Point, Ill., dropped dead while en route to the post office.

The canning factory at Canton, Mo., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$14,000.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lord North of Pana, Ill., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Of the 50,533 letters opened at the dead letter office in the last fiscal year, contained money, a total of \$14,140 was found, and notes aggregating \$1,136,645.

Theodore Youngblood, aged 23, was shot and instantly killed in the public highway, near Red Bud, Ill., by Dan Doerr, aged 34. Domestic trouble.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Mortgage Amendment.

Says a dispatch sent from Kansas City: The law firm of Harkless, O'Grady & Cryslar, have notified their banking clients that the mortgage amendment, just carried in the elections, is not worth the paper it is written on. They discovered that the enabling act passed in 1898 was never finished by the framers of the bill. The last section specifically directs attention to the need of special legislation governing the method of levying assessments, but abruptly ends without making the provisions. This section reads: "In case of debts so secured (meaning by mortgage, etc.), the value of property affected by such mortgage, deed of trust or contract, less the value of such security, shall be assessed and taxed to the owner of the property, in the manner hereinafter to be provided by law."

No such manner was ever provided for, and as a result there will be, if the governor issues his proclamation announcing the adoption of the amendment, a law on the books with no means of carrying it out.

Junketing and Auditing Committees.

Gov. Stephens has appointed the "junketing" and the auditing committees. The first named committee is composed of Senator E. M. Zevely, of Osage; Representative Peter H. Hucker, of Ste. Genevieve, and Frank C. Sikes, of Putnam county. The auditing committee is composed of Senator J. C. Whaley, of St. Clair county; Representative James T. Blair, of DeKalb, and Representative Joseph B. Lindsey, of Dade county. The junketing committee examines the various state institutions, and the auditing committee the state treasury, auditing department and other departments.

What a Chemist Says.

City Chemist Hunter has discovered that certain food stuffs sold in St. Joseph are being grossly adulterated, and the council will be called upon to pass an ordinance to regulate the matter. He says Rosanilin has been found in jellies and fruit jam, and evaporated fruits have been freshened with zinc oxide. The city chemist says that French canned peas contain enough copper to make them dangerous.

Mr. Rippey's Successor.

Says a Jefferson City special to the St. Louis Republic: Who will succeed John R. Rippey as secretary of the board of agriculture is occasioning some interest. At the next meeting of the board Mr. Rippey will tender his resignation, after several years of valuable service. The position has a salary of \$1,800 a year attached, and will probably be sought by a number. At present the candidates are M. V. Carroll, chief clerk in the labor bureau, and George B. Ellis, of Bates county, who represented that county in the last legislature.

Said to Have No Foundation.

Says a Washington special to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: An elaborate story of Missouri politics has been printed in Washington. It set forth an alleged intention on the part of Secretary Hitchcock to retire from the cabinet next March, and announced that his successor would be Richard C. Kerens, the member from Missouri on the republican national committee. Inquiry fails to show the slightest foundation for the publication.

Mrs. Edwards Re-Elected.

Mrs. Jennie Edwards has been re-elected state librarian by the judges of the Missouri supreme court for a second term of four years. Mrs. Edwards is state president of the Daughters of the Confederacy, having been recently re-elected to that post. In the last year she has been actively engaged in solidifying the organization and assisting in the work of raising a fund to erect the monument to the confederate dead at Springfield.

Their Golden Wedding.

The German Protestant orphans' home, St. Louis, was the scene of the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Hackemeier. Mr. Hackemeier has been superintendent of the home for 35 years. Friends of the couple and their families to the number of 500 thronged the corridors and rooms of the main building of the institution.

Recent Deaths.

Henry Kersting, a prominent St. Louis citizen, suddenly.

Samuel Swarts, a retired business man of St. Louis.

Mrs. M. B. Gash, one of the oldest settlers of Marion county, and a member of one of the largest and oldest families in the county.

To Warm Her Dolls.

Little Lucy Peterson, St. Louis, built a fire in the wood shed to warm her dolls, and the structure was destroyed. She had a narrow escape.

"Divine Healer" Schrader.

"Divine Healer" Schrader has arrived in St. Louis, and will enter immediately upon the work of establishing a branch of the "Divine Church."

Between Kansas City and St. Joseph. Eastern capitalists are said to have completed a deal for the construction of an electric railway between Kansas City and St. Joseph.

Was Sent to Jail.

Jacob Simon was sent to jail, in St. Louis, for contempt of court for refusing to testify in the trial of a man whose arrest he caused.

Blew Open a Big Safe.

Burglars entered the Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot at Fayetteville at an early hour the other morning and blew open the big safe.

FREE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Johnson Advocates Its Continued Expansion.

SERVICE TO BE RAPIDLY DEVELOPED.

The Question of Cost and Figures Relating Thereto—The Postal Service of Porto Rico and Hawaii—Regular Free Delivery—Postal Money Order and International Service.

Washington, Nov. 21.—An enthusiastic plea for a wide expansion of rural free delivery is made in the annual report of W. M. Johnson, first assistant postmaster general. He says that the extraordinary development of this system during the past 12 months under the stimulus of appropriations of \$450,000 for the fiscal year 1899-1900, and \$1,750,000 for the fiscal year 1900-1901, is conclusive as showing that hereafter it must be a permanent and expanding feature of the postal administration. The service can now be extended as swiftly as congress may direct or as the means permit, until it covers all those portions of the United States now reached in whole, or in part, by the more primitive methods of the postal service, which have come down to us almost without change from colonial times.

The present policy is to extend rural delivery in accordance with the demands made from all parts of the country, so that each individual route may be dovetailed upon another route hereafter to be started, and with this idea constantly kept in view, rural free delivery is eventually to extend over all the well-settled rural communities in the United States.

Bearing on the question of cost, a statement compiled from the books of the office shows that from December, 1899, to November 1, 1900, 439 star routes and mail messenger services have been discontinued or curtailed. Between July 1 and November 1, 1900, the first four months of the present fiscal year, there have been 1,338 additional rural free delivery routes installed, supplying 922,397 people.

Recommendation is made for a reclassification of the post office clerks, for five special agents of the division of salary and allowances and for 15 days' leave of absence with pay each year for carriers on rural routes. Commencing July 1 next, it is proposed to include the cost of the postal service of Porto Rico and Hawaii in the regular appropriations instead of paying the same out of the military appropriation, as at present.

The total cost of the Porto Rican postal service for the last fiscal year was a little over one hundred and five thousand dollars, and the probable cost of the postal service for Hawaii for the next fiscal year is \$72,804.

An appropriation of \$18,000,000 is asked for compensation of postmasters for the next fiscal year.

The regular free delivery service was established in 62 cities, necessitating the appointment of 170 carriers, making the total number of free delivery offices in operation June 30 last, 795. Four free delivery offices have been established in Porto Rico and Hawaii.

Regular free delivery, it is estimated, will cost \$17,140,990 for the next fiscal year, an increase of almost nine per cent.

During the last fiscal year the postal money orders issued amounted to \$255,670,228, an increase of almost \$31,000,000. It is apparent that, for the next two years, business of the money order system increases in volume correspondingly with that of the past year, its receipts will reach \$1,000,000 per day. They are now about \$864,000. The net earnings of the money order system were \$1,340,642. The department purposes to provide money order facilities for all localities where they may prove convenient. The number of offices has now finally exceeded 30,000.

International money order business is being transacted with 40 foreign countries. Recommendation is made that the fees for domestic money orders be reduced to the maximum of 20 cents for an order of \$100, the minimum of three cents to remain as at present.

TO REDUCE THE WAR TAXES.

President and Majority Members Favor a Reduction and in Some Cases Abolition.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The committee's conference with the president lasted less than an hour. The committee and the president agreed on the desirability of the reduction or abolition of the war taxes where they have proved annoying and irritating to the interests involved, and yet have not produced very much revenue. The president believes the surplus in the treasury is accumulating too rapidly and that conservative reductions may be made safely or taxes entirely removed in some instances. The republican members believe they will be able to agree in a very few days on a general line of changes to be made.

To Go After Aguinaldo.

Manila, Nov. 21.—Gen. Maasslos, the former Filipino chief, is prepared to start in pursuit of Aguinaldo with 100 picked natives, supported by American troops. Other ex-rebel Filipinos will be used in campaigning in the country. Their offers have not been formally made yet, but they are ready if the authorities will accept.

Aguinaldo, it is supposed, is in northern Luzon, according to statements made by ex-rebel leaders now in Manila, and confirmed from other sources.

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